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The settlement only addresses past violations, most of which are no longer relevant due to a changing marketplace. I see no mention of even more insidious behavior like the strong arming of enterprise customers to purchase support and upgrade contracts using vague threats of legal actions and piracy audits. Worse yet, we have the pending .Net initiative which is a thinly vieled attempt to leverage Windows to monopolize commercial use of the internet.

Finally there is the issue of Microsoft's subversion of established standards which is a blantant attempt to isolate and destroy certain open standards that compete with Microsoft's proprietary products.

If at least these three issues are not addressed in the settlement, then we have all just wasted our time and effort. Microsoft will wind up back in the courts in another 5 years.

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